

In the afternoon about 40 came & they
let out their suppressed feelings of disappointment
most in tones of abuse against the clergymen
of the town for not using the attendance of
their people. In the evening about 100 came
with the expectation of hearing Miss Kelly.
On Friday there was a whig convention, & there
were scarcely enough to count. Their resolutions
spoke their feelings. I remarked to one of them
that their convention might well be called
"Anti Clerical, & anti Neworganiation"
I think they were extremely modified & revised at
the result of their meeting. You observe that
Garrison says very little about it. They called
for no funds, & I question whether they had
enough from their Fair to pay the expenses
of their room & attendants. Please to let me
hear from you soon

yours in haste
Sam Osgood

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Brother Phelps

I see by the Liberator

a call has been issued by Chapman
Kelly & C^o for a convention to discuss
subjects of vital importance to the
conscience. I have felt a strong de-
sire to attend that meeting & give
battle to the trust-inidels & rotting ones
who will be there. But I am not sangu-
ine enough to stand alone. What say
you to entering the lists in company?
I suppose that none but Abolitionists
will go near them, & whether it is best
to have any controversy with them is a
question I am not prepared to answer. I
wish to know how it appears to you &
other far sighted & keen sighted men
I cannot think that all that class of
Reformers are prepared to give up the
Sabbath & other religious institutions.
Perhaps some opposition may draw out
the infidel portion & thus alarm the
more moderate. Be so good as to write
me on the subject. Garrison meeting
here was a complete failure. On the
first forenoon there were only seven
present, & they did not organise